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SUBJ: BHUTTO APPEAL RECESSES FOR TWO WEEKS---
BEGUM NUSRAT REARRESTED

1. AT THE CLOSE OF TODAY'S (AUGUST 21) SESSION OF THE SUPREME COURT HEARING ON THE APPEAL OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO, THE CHIEF JUSTICE ANNOUNCED THE COURT WOULD TAKE A TWO-WEEK RECESS AFTER COMPLETION OF THE DEFENSE ARGUMENTS FOR THE CO-DEFENDANTS. BHUTTO'S OWN DEFENSE WAS COMPLETED AUGUST 20.

2. THE HEARING WILL RECONVENE ON SEPTEMBER SIXTEENTH, ACCORD-
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ING TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE, AT WHICH TIME THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR WILL MAKE HIS SUBMISSIONS.

3. IN A PARALLEL DEVELOPMENT, THE WIFE OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO, BEGUM NUSRAT BHUTTO, WAS REARRESTED TODAY AND PLACED UNDER DETENTION AT HER TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IN ISLAMABAD. THE PRESENT HOUSE ARREST, FOR A PERIOD OF

THREE MONTHS, WAS EFFECTED UNDER MARTIAL LAW ORDER
(MLO) 12.

4. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF BEGUM NUSRAT'S REARREST
WAS MADE BEFORE THE LAHORE HIGH COURT BY PUNJAB ADVOCATE
GENERAL. HE SAID THE STEP WAS NECESSARY TO
PREVENT BEGUM NUSRAT FROM "ACTING IN A MANNER PREJUDICIAL
TO THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH MARTIAL LAW HAD BEEN PROCLAIMED."
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